

CITY OF WEST ALLIS
CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
July 1, 2015

MINUTES

Members Present: Alderperson Rosalie Reinke, Kathleen Dagenhardt, Rebecca Grill, Pat Hladilek, Jim Mejchar and Shelly Strasser

Members Excused: Mayor Dan Devine, Dianne Eineichner, Mark Ellington, Mary Cay Freiberg, Randy Kassa, Jerry Kucharski, John Maydak, Tim Meyer, Gina Rafenstein and Brenda Schmid

Also Present: Lt. Todd Clementi, Police Dept., Cheri Gravitter and Dennis Peach, State Fair Park, Robert Barwick and Barb Weller, Purchasing Division

Chair Reinke called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

1. Minutes of previous meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Dagenhardt, seconded by Ms. Hladilek, unanimous approval.

2. Parade – Ms. Strasser handed out the line up for the parade and reviewed the line up procedures. Lt. Clementi said that the streets would be closed at 6:00 starting at 84th & Greenfield. 77th Street would be closed north to Pierce where the kids line up. Ms. Strasser said there wouldn't be any judging during the parade so there shouldn't be any gaps – only around the Shriner's performance. Mr. Barwick stated that the Suburban Swing Street Band would perform prior to the parade at 75th St. by City Hall. Discussion followed on street vendors causing problems during the parade but the City Ordinance states that they can only sell on the sidewalks once the parade starts.

3. Post Parade – Chair Reinke stated that the UW Band started early last year before the parade ended. Ms. Strasser said that they are the last band in the parade again but there might be some people that don't make it to the park before they start. There will only be 3 inflatables this year because the Moon Walk isn't available anymore. Lt. Clementi said that there would be 7 officers on duty till 10:30.

4. Grandstand Show – Chair Reinke went over the timing of the show. There isn't an intermission for the Kids from Wisconsin show this year so she will give a short introduction prior to their performance and then a small speech after they are finished. The fireworks will start at 9:30. Chair Reinke also asked if Ms. Gravitter would ask the Kids to sing Happy Birthday to Uncle Sam since that is our theme this year. Mr. Barwick has contacted the Boy Scouts and they will present the flag and the Kids will provide a drum cadence as they march in. He will meet them at the Fair Park at 7:30 PM. Ms. Gravitter stated that the tunnel gate will be open for them and she will provide 25 parking passes. The gates for the public will be open at 6:30. Mr. Barwick reported that Spielbaur Fireworks would do the show this year. There is a 20 MPH wind limit for setting off the fireworks. If they can't shoot them off on the 4th, the make-up date is on the 5th.

5. Next meeting date – August 6, 2015.

6. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM